UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JENNIFER K. MILLER, :

Plaintiff : CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:19-0221

v. : (JUDGE MANNION)

ANDREW M. SAUL¹, :

Defendant :

MEMORANDUM

Pending before the court is the report of Judge Arbuckle, which recommends that the plaintiff's complaint challenging the final decision of the Commissioner denying her application for disability benefits ("DIB") under Title II of the Social Security Act, (Doc. 1), be granted and, that the Commissioner's decision be vacated. (Doc. 21). Judge Arbuckle also recommends that this case be remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings. Neither the Commissioner nor the plaintiff have filed any objections to Judge Arbuckle's report. The time within which to file objections has expired.

Where no objection is made to a report and recommendation, the court should, as a matter of good practice, "satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation." Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b), advisory committee notes; see also Univac Dental Co. v.

¹Andrew M. Saul was sworn in as Commissioner of Social Security on June 17, 2019, and is automatically substituted as the defendant in this action. <u>See</u> Fed.R.Civ.P. 25(d).

Dentsply Intern., Inc., 702 F.Supp.2d 465, 469 (2010) (citing Henderson v.

Carlson, 812 F.2d 874, 878 (3d Cir. 1987) (explaining judges should give

some review to every Report and Recommendation)). Nevertheless, whether

timely objections are made or not, the district court may accept, not accept or

modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the

magistrate judge. 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1); Local Rule 72.31. Upon review, the

report and recommendation of Judge Arbuckle will be adopted in its entirety.

The court has reviewed the reasons presented by Judge Arbuckle for

recommending that the plaintiff's appeal of the Commissioner's decision

denying her claim for DIB be granted. Judge Arbuckle found that substantial

evidence did not support the Commissioner's finding that the plaintiff had the

residual functional capacity to perform medium work based on her physical

impairments. Because the court agrees with the sound reasoning that led

Judge Arbuckle to the conclusions in his report and finds no clear error on the

face of the record, the court will adopt the report in its entirety. An appropriate

order shall issue.

United States District Judge

Date: February 12, 2020

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